

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Electroluminescent display panel (2) comprising a substrate (7) and a plurality of display pixels (3) including an electroluminescent material (12) defined on or over said substrate, wherein said display panel further includes at least one microcontact printed hydrophobic layer (11) between at least some adjacent display pixels (3),

wherein the microcontact printed hydrophobic layer (11) is disposed between drops of the electroluminescent material (12) of adjacent display pixels (3) and prevents mixing of these drops between adjacent display pixels (3).

2. (Original) Electroluminescent display panel (2) according to claim 1, wherein said hydrophobic layer (11) is a self-assembling monolayer.

3. (Original) Electroluminescent display panel (2) according to claim 1, wherein said substrate (7) is a flexible substrate.

4. (Original) Electroluminescent display panel (2) according to claim 1, wherein said display panel (2) further comprises first and second electrodes (8,13) for said display pixels (3) and a protection layer (6) isolating said first from said second electrodes (6,13) between said display pixels (3).

5. (Original) Electroluminescent display panel according to claim 4, wherein said microcontact printed hydrophobic layer (11) is defined on or over at least a part of said protection layer (11).

6. (Original) Electroluminescent display panel according to claim 5, wherein said microcontact printed hydrophobic layer (11) exposes a part (6A) of said protection layer (6) to said electroluminescent material (12).

7. (Original) Electric device (1) comprising an electroluminescent display panel (2) according to claim 1.

8. (Currently Amended) Method for manufacturing an electroluminescent display panel (2) comprising the steps of:

providing a substrate (7);

providing a hydrophobic layer (11) for separating at least some adjacent display pixels (3) on or over said substrate by microcontact printing; and

depositing at least one electroluminescent material (12) over said substrate (7),
wherein the microcontact printed hydrophobic layer (11) prevents mixing of drops of the
electroluminescent material (12).

9. (Currently Amended) Method according to claim 8, wherein said method further comprises the steps of: providing first electrodes (8) on or over said substrate (7); providing a protection layer (6) on or over said ~~first~~ substrate (7); patterning said protection layer (6) to determine display pixel areas (3); providing said hydrophobic layer (11) between said display pixel areas (3) by microcontact printing.

10. (Original) Method according to claim 8, wherein said method further comprises the steps of: depositing at least one electroluminescent material (12) over said substrate (7); providing a metallic layer (13) on or over at least said electroluminescent material (12).

11. (Original) Method according to claim 8, wherein said hydrophobic layer is obtained by fluorinating a microcontact printed layer (11).

12. (Original) Method according to claim 8, wherein said hydrophobic layer (11) is microcontact printed on an inorganic layer, such as SiO₂ or ITO.

13. (Original) Method according to claim 12, wherein said hydrophobic layer (11) is trimethoxy(3,3,3-trifluoropropyl)silane.

14. (Original) Method according to claim 8, wherein said hydrophobic layer is microcontact printed on a polymer layer.

15. (Original) Method according to claim 14, wherein said hydrophobic layer is obtained by the steps of: microcontact printing of poly(tert-butylacrylate) on a polyethylene layer; wet-chemical treatment of said poly(tert-butylacrylate) to yield a polyacrylic acid hyperbranched film; fluorination of at least a part of said polyacrylic acid hyperbranched film.

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